GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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POWER REFORMS IN SEBS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have signed any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the State Electricity Boards to implement power reforms;

(b) if so, the details thereof State-wise; and

(c) the details of financial assistance being granted to the SEBs for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c) : Ministry of Power has not signed any MoU with State Electricity Boards. However, the MoUs have been signed with State Governments of Karnataka, UP, MP, Gujarat and Haryana. In the MoUs, the concerned States have committed to achieve milestones in reforming power sector. The milestones include setting up of State Electricity Regulatory Commission, 100% metering, energy audit, reduction of technical and commercial losses etc. The Government of India has committed its support through additional allocation of power from unallocated share of power from Central generating stations, assistance to develop transmission system, financial assistance through Accelerated Power Development Program (APDP) for strengthening of sub transmission and distribution as well as for renovation and modernisation of old thermal and hydel power plants.